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Soundings by Emb offs in Congress today indicate Congress at moment plans no further action to quote legitimize unquote ouster of Goulart. Sense of Congress is that Goulart abandoned his office and vacancy was filled in accordance with Constitution (Article 79). Next step is election of President by Congress within 30 days. (Article 79, paragraph 2). This election regulated by Law Number 1395 of July 13, 1951 which provides that election can be held with quorum of absolute majority of both houses (238). As many ballots as necessary are held until one candidate achieves absolute majority of those present at voting session. Discussion of candidates in beginning stages and includes Carvalho Pinto, Auro Moura Andrade, interim President Mazzilli and various military leaders (Castello Branco, Krueel, Lott). President would serve until expiration of present term January 31, 1966, with election of successor in October 1965.

Situation Brasilia relatively calm. Tanks and troops are on mall in front of Congress as precaution against approximately 1,000 workers and students congregated central bus station

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about 1 mile from Congress. No indication latter are seriously considering what would be hopeless assault. Rain also dampening spirits. Congress opened session at 1 P.M. with PTB attacking what it calls "fascist golpe",<sup>\$\$\$</sup> Appointments announced today by Mazzilli are Chief of Civil Household Getulio Moura, PSD Deputy from Rio de Janeiro; Chief of Military Household General Andre Fernandes, who ~~although~~ although Jair Dantas Ribeiro's Chief of Cabinet in Brasilia provided military protection to Congress in current crisis; ~~Mayor~~ Mayor of Brasilia Israel Pinheiro, who was first Mayor of Brasilia under Kubitschek; Commander 11th Military Region General Rafael de Souza Aguiar. GP-3

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\$\$\$ Chamber passed bill granting amnesty to sergeants involved in Brasilia revolt September 1963.

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